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Gov. Locke appoints Patricia Stanford to state higher education board

OLYMPIA – Gov. Gary Locke today appointed Patricia Stanford to the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Stanford, the widow of former Seattle School District Superintendent John Stanford, replaces Frank “Buster” Brouillet. Her four-year term begins April 1, 2000.

“Pat brings a strong commitment to creating opportunity in higher education and reaching out to people from groups that are historically under-represented in our colleges and universities,” said HECB Chairman Bob Craves. “She’ll offer a valuable perspective as we begin implementing our 2000 Master Plan for Higher Education,” he said.

Stanford is a board member of the United Negro College Fund, Community for Youth, First Place, Mothers Against Violence in America, and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Foundation. Previously, she has served on the boards of the Urban League, Child Haven, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and City Club in Seattle. Stanford earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University and has worked for the Department of Defense and in real estate sales.

HECB Executive Director Marc Gaspard thanked Brouillet for his six years of service on the HECB. “Our Board has benefited greatly from Dr. Brouillet’s extensive experience and expertise in K-12 and higher education. Although we’ll miss his knowledge and wisdom, we know that he will continue to work on behalf of education,” said Gaspard.

A former state representative and education committee chairman, Brouillet served four years as president of Pierce College and 16 years as state Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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The Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board is a nine-member board of citizens appointed by the governor to represent the broad public interest in the development of higher education policy. The Board provides planning, coordinating, monitoring, and policy analysis for higher education in the state of Washington, administers state-funded student financial aid, and performs some oversight and authorization functions.

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